# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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BAMBOO CULTIVATION
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the total area of land under bamboo cultivation at present in the country, State- wise;

(b) the total production of bamboo during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether any proposal is under consideration to improve bamboo production/productivity and its sale;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the benefits likely to accrue to bamboo growers;

(f) whether the Government has taken further steps to improve the environment friendly and economically viable bamboo cultivation in the country; and

(g) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the purpose, State-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): As per the Planning Commission`s Report titled `National Mission on Bamboo Technology & Trade Development`, an area of 89575 Sq. km. is under bamboo cultivation in the country. A statement showing State-wise area under bamboo cultivation is annexed (Annexure-I)

(b): The National Bamboo Mission is a new programme of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, which has been launched during the last quarter of 2006-07. One of the mandates of this Mission is to collect and compile the information on State- wise production of bamboo in the country.

(c) & (d): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has launched a programme on National Bamboo Mission in the country during 2006-07 to enhance the production and productivity of bamboo. The Mission aims at:

? To promote the growth of the bamboo sector through as an area based regionally differentiated strategy;

? To increase the coverage of area under bamboo in potential areas, with improved varieties to enhance yields;

? To promote marketing of bamboo and bamboo based handicrafts;

? To establish convergence and synergy among stake-holders for the development of bamboo;

? To promote, develop and disseminate technologies through a seamless blend of traditional wisdom and modern scientific knowledge.

? To generate employment opportunities for skilled and unskilled persons, especially unemployed youths.

(e): The proposed bamboo plantation activities under the Mission would generate about 50.4 million man days of work. In the nursery sector, total estimated employment to be generated every year will be around 9.7 lakh man days. Besides this, there will be employment generation in both skilled and unskilled segments in the handicraft sector.

(f)&(g): The proposed scheme of National Bamboo Mission is environment-friendly and economically viable in nature. The project proposals submitted by the State Governments for financial assistance under the Mission during 2006-07 is under consideration of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.